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The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIFTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE: SPECIAL PROGRAMME RESOURCES (DP/1991/L.5) (continued)

Draft decision DP/1991/L.7 on Special Programme Resources

1. Mr. KIRDAR (Secretary of the Governing Council) introduced draft decision DP/1991/L.7 on Special Programme Resources, which included a breakdown by categories of the proposed earmarkings, expressed in millions of United States dollars.

2. The PRESIDENT said that, if there were no objections, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision.

3. Draft decision DP/1991/L.7 was adopted.

4. Mr. AMAZIANE (Morocco) said that some countries, including Morocco, had received nothing from the Special Programme Resources during the fourth cycle. It was therefore important that the Council should be informed every year of the breakdown by geographical region and by category of earmarkings. Some countries were at a disadvantage because their Regional Bureau was less energetic or because they were not represented in the Council. For that reason, he requested the Administration once again to ensure that the resources were distributed equally. He was glad that some of his concerns had been taken into account but he regretted that only $10 million had been assigned to the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development. That programme was designed to benefit the poorest continent which included 50 States but in fact major sums had been allocated to items which benefited fewer States. Finally, he regretted that there was only one item in support of the subregional integration of the developing countries.

5. Mr. EDGREN (Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Programme Policy and Evaluation) explained that Morocco was involved in items A1, concerning disasters, and D1 on aid coordination.

6. Mr. RADE (Netherlands) welcomed the fact that in the decision just adopted more information was requested from the Administrator. The most important information was that contained in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the annex to the decision. The Council should not concern itself with the details set forth in paragraphs 4 to 6, which came more within the sphere of competence of the Administration.

Draft decision DP/1991/L.5 on Special Programme Resources

7. Mr. PETTITT (United Kingdom) proposed that consideration of the draft decision in which Namibia was to be treated as a least developed country should be postponed until June because, in order to adopt the decision, the Council should have the pertinent studies of the Committee for Development Planning and the Economic and Social Council.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

8. The PRESIDENT declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 6.35 p.m.